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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6814

BILL NUMBER: SB 244

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 30, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Apr 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Offender Reentry Administrative Account.

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BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to provide certain inmates who earn income in the DOC with an offender reentry administrative account (OEAA).
- B. It requires that between 10% and 20% of an eligible inmate's earnings be deposited in an OEAA.
- C. It requires the DOC to issue an inmate a check for the balance in the inmate's OEAA when the inmate is released or discharged from incarceration by the DOC

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Administrative Costs to Create New Accounts for Offenders*—DOC and the Auditor's Office may incur some administrative costs to create these new accounts although no new staff will be needed.

Background – On January 5, 2009, DOC reported that 26,410 offenders had some money in their offender account balance. Roughly 70% of these offenders had \$50 or less in their account.

Offender Account Balances as of January 5, 2009						
Value of Account	Less than \$10	Between \$10 And \$50	Between \$51 And \$100	Between \$101 And \$500	More than \$500	Total
Number of Offenders	9,270	9,183	3,630	3,574	753	26,410
Percent of Total	35%	35%	14%	14%	3%	100%

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: DOC; Auditor's Office.

Local Agencies Affected:

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